Chapter 4. Indecent Acts and Prostitution

IC 35-45-4-1

Public indecency

- Sec. 1. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally, in a public place:
 - (1) engages in sexual intercourse;
 - (2) engages in deviate sexual conduct;
 - (3) appears in a state of nudity with the intent to arouse the sexual desires of the person or another person; or
 - (4) fondles the person's genitals or the genitals of another person;

commits public indecency, a Class A misdemeanor.

- (b) A person at least eighteen (18) years of age who knowingly or intentionally, in a public place, appears in a state of nudity with the intent to be seen by a child less than sixteen (16) years of age commits public indecency, a Class A misdemeanor.
- (c) However, the offense under subsection (a) or subsection (b) is a Class D felony if the person who commits the offense has a prior unrelated conviction:
 - (1) under subsection (a) or (b); or
 - (2) in another jurisdiction, including a military court, that is substantially equivalent to an offense described in subsection (a) or (b).
- (d) As used in this section, "nudity" means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple, or the showing of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.
- (e) A person who, in a place other than a public place, with the intent to be seen by persons other than invitees and occupants of that place:
 - (1) engages in sexual intercourse;
 - (2) engages in deviate sexual conduct;
 - (3) fondles the person's genitals or the genitals of another person; or
 - (4) appears in a state of nudity;

where the person can be seen by persons other than invitees and occupants of that place commits indecent exposure, a Class C misdemeanor.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.5. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.76; P.L.189-1984, SEC.1; P.L.215-1997, SEC.1; P.L.121-2000, SEC.1; P.L.123-2003, SEC.2.

IC 35-45-4-1.5

Public nudity

- Sec. 1.5. (a) As used in this section, "nudity" has the meaning set forth in section 1(d) of this chapter.
 - (b) A person who knowingly or intentionally appears in a public

place in a state of nudity commits public nudity, a Class C misdemeanor.

- (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally appears in a public place in a state of nudity with the intent to be seen by another person commits a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if the person has a prior unrelated conviction under this subsection or under subsection (d).
- (d) A person who knowingly or intentionally appears in a state of nudity:
 - (1) in or on school grounds;
 - (2) in a public park; or
 - (3) with the intent to arouse the sexual desires of the person or another person, in a department of natural resources owned or managed property;

commits a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if the person has a prior unrelated conviction under this subsection or under subsection (c).

As added by P.L.123-2003, SEC.3.

IC 35-45-4-2

Prostitution

- Sec. 2. A person who knowingly or intentionally:
 - (1) performs, or offers or agrees to perform, sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct; or
 - (2) fondles, or offers or agrees to fondle, the genitals of another person;

for money or other property commits prostitution, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if the person has two (2) prior convictions under this section.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.5. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.77; Acts 1979, P.L.301, SEC.1; P.L.310-1983, SEC.3.

IC 35-45-4-3

Patronizing a prostitute

- Sec. 3. A person who knowingly or intentionally pays, or offers or agrees to pay, money or other property to another person:
 - (1) for having engaged in, or on the understanding that the other person will engage in, sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct with the person or with any other person; or
 - (2) for having fondled, or on the understanding that the other person will fondle, the genitals of the person or any other person;

commits patronizing a prostitute, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if the person has two (2) prior convictions under this section.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.5. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.78; Acts 1979, P.L.301, SEC.2; P.L.310-1983, SEC.4.

IC 35-45-4-4

Promoting prostitution

Sec. 4. A person who:

- (1) knowingly or intentionally entices or compels another person to become a prostitute;
- (2) knowingly or intentionally procures, or offers or agrees to procure, a person for another person for the purpose of prostitution;
- (3) having control over the use of a place, knowingly or intentionally permits another person to use the place for prostitution;
- (4) receives money or other property from a prostitute, without lawful consideration, knowing it was earned in whole or in part from prostitution; or
- (5) knowingly or intentionally conducts or directs another person to a place for the purpose of prostitution;

commits promoting prostitution, a Class C felony. However, the offense is a Class B felony under subdivision (1) if the person enticed or compelled is under eighteen (18) years of age.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.148, SEC.5. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.340, SEC.79; Acts 1978, P.L.148, SEC.6.

IC 35-45-4-5

Voyeurism; "peep" defined

Sec. 5. (a) A person:

- (1) who:
 - (A) peeps; or
- (B) goes upon the land of another with the intent to peep; into an occupied dwelling of another person; or
- (2) who peeps into an area where an occupant of the area reasonably can be expected to disrobe, including:
 - (A) restrooms;
 - (B) baths;
 - (C) showers: and
 - (D) dressing rooms;

without the consent of the other person, commits voyeurism, a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class D felony if it is knowingly or intentionally committed by means of a camera, a video camera, or any other type of video recording device.

(b) "Peep" means any looking of a clandestine, surreptitious, prying, or secretive nature.

As added by P.L.311-1983, SEC.31. Amended by P.L.301-1995, SEC.1; P.L.215-1997, SEC.2.